

Sangamon Valley LEPC

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AGENDA

March 19, 2009

8:30 AM

*Office of the State Fire Marshal
1035 Stevenson Drive
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Meeting Called to Order by David Butt, Chairman

Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting (01/15/2009)

Introductions

Recognition of LEPC Members and Visitors

Old Business

Emergency Coordinator's Report on Progress of Site Specific Planning Project

New Plans Completed and / or Distributed

Completed Plans Updated

New Sites Visited

2008 Tier 2 Forms

Forms Received

Forms Needed

Extended Filing Deadline

Department of Homeland Security "Chemical Security Assessment Tool"

Let-it-Burn Policies

New Business

Large Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations (CAFOs)

Strategic National Stockpile Regional Exercise

Update of Sangamon County Emergency Operations Plan

Menard County Location for May LEPC Meeting

Other Business

Other Business Old or New

Next Meeting: May 21, 2009

Motion to Adjourn

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MINUTES OF THE SANGAMON VALLEY LEPC MEETING – March 19, 2009

Call to Order - The Chair, David Butt, called the meeting to order at 8:30 am, at the State Fire Marshal's Office Auditorium, 1035 Aldai Stevenson Drive, Springfield IL 62703.

Members present included: Dick Austin, Springfield Mass Transit District; Tricia Baker, Athens Police Department; John Brennan, Memorial Medical Center (MMC); David Butt, Sangamon County Office of Emergency Management; Tom Fraase, Sangamon County Board; Tracy Garrison, Sangamon County GIS; Matt Helms, Springfield Fire Department (retired); Brian Markley, Village of Curran; Pat Metz, City Water, Light & Power (CWLP); Mike Moos, Sherman EMA; Dick Rentschler, MABAS Division 48; Bill Russell, Sangamon County Rescue Squad; Dale Simpson, Springfield Fire Department; Linda Swartz, Sangamon County Department of Public Health; Linda Wheeland, Springfield-Sangamon County Regional Planning Committee and Ken Yocom, Petersburg ESDA.

Approval of the Minutes - Minutes from the LEPC meeting of January 15, 2009, were distributed via e-mail prior to this meeting. A motion was made by Brian Markley, seconded by Linda Swartz and approved unanimously to accept the minutes from January 15, 2009.

Introductions - Self-introductions were made by the members in attendance. Two visitors were recognized: Jason Sukut from Menard County EMA and Linda Bradbury from American Red Cross (ARC).

Old Business

Emergency Coordinator's Report on the Site Specific Planning Project – Matt Helms reported on his activities since the January meeting. He made the first revision to 6 Brandt Consolidated plans for Auburn, Auburn West 104, Curran, New Berlin, Richland Elevator and Williamsville. He completed 3 new Brandt Consolidated plans for Greenvew, Oakford and Pawnee East 104. He also completed 3 other new plans for PAETEC on S. Fifth and S. Ninth in Springfield and for Strawn Fertilizer of Pawnee.

The Chair explained that Brandt had just leased the Pawnee East 104 site and this helped us proceed with our planning. The county board member in the Pawnee area was instrumental in getting us in contact with the Strawns. All anhydrous ammonia sites in Sangamon County have completed plans and only 2 facilities in Menard County need to have their plans written. We are just beginning the busy season for farm chemicals and fertilizers. We'll approach the final 2 facilities when it is more convenient for them.

2008 Tier 2 Forms – The Chair announced that through March 18, the LEPC had received 96 Tier 2 Forms: 87 for Sangamon County and 9 for Menard County. Of the 96 received, 56 Tier 2 Forms reported storage of extremely hazardous substances. The SERC extended the deadline for its electronic receipt of Tier 2 Forms to March 16. It will take longer for forms to reach LEPCs and fire departments by mail.

Enforcement by the USEPA in Metro-East Illinois has more facilities recognizing their obligation to file for diesel fuel storage. John Brennan of MMC helped get these requirements clarified. Retail gas stations are not exempt from filing for gasoline and diesel fuel, but they have a higher threshold quantity. Hospitals are exempt for substances used under the direct supervision of a technically qualified individual, but not for diesel fuel stored with their generators. The Chair made sure that all 3 hospitals in our planning district were aware of their obligation to file Tier 2 Forms for diesel fuel.

DHS Chemical Security Assessment Tool – Pat Metz reported that CWLP delivered its required information to DHS some time ago and is awaiting response. He expects that the next requirement will be to write a site plan. CWLP is currently working with Matt Helms on the second revision of the LEPC's plan for their facility. CWLP has filed several more Tier 2 Forms this year in consideration of diesel fuel for generators.

Let-it-Burn Policies – Dick Rentschler discussed this topic with fire chiefs at the November MABAS meeting. Fire services have a broad area of responsibilities and obligations at the scene of a fire. Blanket agreements to “let-it-burn” are short-sighted. The chiefs are always willing to speak with facility managers on an individual basis about pre-planning to attack potential fires.

New Business

Large Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations (CAFOs) – Just days after our last meeting, Kathy Allen of the Illinois SERC communicated information about USEPA tasking its reporting requirements for CAFOs to SERCs and LEPCs. Considering manure pits and flatulence of the animals, the USEPA considers CAFOs to have a continuous release of ammonia and hydrogen sulfide. We have received reports from 4 hog operations in our planning district (2 from each county). The Chair visited a new hog facility east of Rochester prior to it receiving feeder pigs and provided information about contacting us.

Strategic National Stockpile (SNS) Regional Exercise – Linda Swartz briefed the LEPC on 2 exercises. Over several days in June, the state will test its ability to push the SNS out to hospitals and health departments in central Illinois. Our day for receiving will be June 3. On June 4, Sangamon County will use the props provided by the state and hold a full scale dispensing exercise directed toward first responders. This will be an evening exercise held just north of the jail between Adams and Washington Streets. In a real SNS situation, early dispensing to first responders will occur in the evening of the same date that the SNS is distributed, but for the exercise a 24-hour extension has been added.

Update of Sangamon County EOP – The Chair identified that this plan's biennial update is due this spring. Our hospitals wrote the original chapter for Mass Casualty Incidents and the ARC wrote the original chapters for Sheltering and Welfare. They have been asked to review their chapters for any needed updates.

Menard County Location for May Meeting – Tricia Baker has agreed to host our meeting on May 21, 2009, in Athens. She will get specific information about the location to the Chair for later distribution to all members.

Other Business

Sherman EMA – Mike Moos invited all who are interested in weather spotter training to a class on March 26 at the Sherman Athletic Club, 6:30 pm. It is the basic class. The Weather Service will hold an advanced class at MMC on April 13, also at 6:30 pm. ARC conducted a sheltering exercise in Sherman last Saturday with Sherman EMA. ARC is going to discuss sheltering with the Medical Reserve Corps next Thursday evening at the OEM Building beginning at 5:00 pm.

MABAS Division 48 – Dick Rentschler gave an overview on equipment and resources available through MABAS for both Sangamon and Menard Counties (Waverly Fire Dept. in Morgan County also participates because of response into Sangamon County). Dick will share detailed information with Matt Helms for inclusion with our planning project. There is a decon vehicle, 20K generator with lighting plant, trailer with ICS supplies, mobile warehouse of over 1500 items in a 53 foot semi-trailer for which UPS will provide the tow vehicle, radiation detectors and a 6-wheeler ATV which Loami Fire Dept. used last weekend during its tornado clean-up.

Meeting Closure – The next LEPC meeting is scheduled for 8:30 am, May 21, 2009, in Athens. There being no further business, a motion was made by Brian Markley, seconded by Pat Metz and approved unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 10:00 am.